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1. IF ALLIES CAN ALL BE INDUCED TO AGREE, SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN NAVOCFORMED, EXERCISE WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PRACTICAL STEP TO PROMOTE SPANISH MILITARY COOPERATION WITH ALLIANCE. BOTH EMBASSY MADRID AND USNATO GAVE ASSESSMENTS EARLY LAST YEAR (REFS B AND C) THAT HAVING SPANISH UNITS IN COMBINED NATO NAVAL MANEUVERS WOULD BE EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPANISH-NATO TIES THAN A PORT VISIT. WHEN NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO BARCELONA WAS FORMALLY REJECTED IN DPC, WE PUT ALLIES ON NOTICE THAT WE WOULD RETURN TO THE SUBJECT OF NATO-SAPIN MILITARY COOPERATION (REF D), AND WE KNOW OF NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT CHOOSE THIS MOMENT TO DO SO.

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2. AT SAME TIME, WE CONCUR FULLY IN EMBASSY OSLO'S VIEW (REF E) THAT WE SHOULD NOT BEING SOUNDINGS UNTIL WE HAVE FULL MILITARY RATIONALE FOR USE WITH ALLIES. AT A MINIMUM, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SPECIFY HOW SPANISH NAVAL UNITS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE

TO A JOINT NAVAL EFFORT IN MEDITERRANEAN (ASW, SURFACE SURVEILLANCE, ETC.). WE ALSO CONCUR THAT BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR INITIAL SOUNDINGS WITH NORWEGIANS WOULD BE IN SCHLESINGER-FOSTERVOLL BILATERAL IN BERGEN.

3. RECALLING THAT OTHER ALLIES, PARTICULARLY DANES AND DUTCH, HAVE IN PAST HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT SPANISH LINKS, WE SHOULD MOVE CONCURRENTLY WITH THEM AND NOT ASSUME THAT NORWEGIAN ACQUIESCENCE CLEARS THE WAY. PORTUGUESE ATTITUDES AND EFFECT OF EVENTS IN PORTUGAL ON OTHERS ARE HARD TO PREDICT. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER CONSIDER RAISING SUBJECT IN ANY ADDITIONAL BILATERALS HELD IN BERGEN. WE ARE FAR FROM CERTAIN THAT U.S. PROPOSAL WILL SUCCEED, EVEN WITH IMPETUS GIVEN BY SECRETARY, BUT WE BELIEVE IT MERITS FULL AND SOLID SUPPORT.

4. IN THE EVENT THAT REACTIONS PRIOR TO DPC MINISTERIAL SHOW SIGNS OF THAW IN ALLIED OPPOSITION TO VISIBLE SPANISH-NATO LINKS, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER MIGHT BROACH POSSIBILITY OF HAVING SPANISH UNITS COLLABORATE WITH NAVOCFORMED IN PRIVATE SESSION OF DPC MINISTERIAL. IF THERE IS NO DISSENT, SYG IN SUMMING UP COULD SUGGEST THAT U.S. SOUND OUT SPAIN INFORMALLY ON SUBJECT, AND REPORT LATER TO DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION. IF SPANISH REACTION WERE FAVORABLE, U.S. WOULD SO REPORT TO DPC, AND SUGGEST THAT DPC DIRECT NATO MILITARY AUTHORITY TO PAN ACCORDINGLY.

5. COMPLICATING FACTOR IN CARRYING OUT ABOVE SCENARIO WOULD BE A CONCURRENT DISCUSSION OF A PORT VISIT BY NAVOCFORMED (REF F). ALTHOUGH SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISES AT SEA NEED NOT INTERFERE WITH A SEPARATE PRIOR OR SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO TUNIS OR SPLIT BY NATO UNITS ONLY, WE BELIEVE BRINGING PORT VISIT QUESTION UP AT SAME TIME COULD HEIGHTEN CONCERNS OF SOME ALLIES ABOUT PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT OF LINK WITH SPAIN. THUS WE WOULD COUNSEL DELAY IN ACTION BY SYG ON MC CHAIRMAN'S LETTER UNTIL WE HAVE RESULTS OF OUR INITIAL SOUNDINGS ON SPANISH PARTICIPATION.

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